



TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

Public Safety Committee
Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, Room 312

October 4, 2018

8:00 AM

MINUTES

Attendance

Leon Davidoff (Chair), Shari Cantor (via phone), Beth Kerrigan (via phone), Liam Sweeney, Chris Williams, Ben Wenograd (via phone)

Staff

Matt Hart (Town Manager), Robert McCue (Assistant Police Chief), Gary Allyn (Fire Chief)

Members of the Public

1. Call to Order

Councilor Davidoff called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. He commended and thanked the first responders on the handling of a recent call to his residence.

2. Staff Reports/Communications

- a. The committee accepted the September 6, 2018 meeting minutes.
- b. Mr. Hart announced Chief Allyn's last day will be November 10th. Recruitment for his successor is underway.

3. Police Department Update

Chief Riddick is attending the IACP conference this week. Assistant Chief McCue provided a brief update on department activity. Car break-ins continue throughout Town, a vast majority as a result of unlocked doors. He discussed the recent smash and grab burglaries in Town as well as the shots fired at 165 Park Road. There was a recent disturbance at 1195 New Britain Ave. Staff has taken an interdisciplinary approach to the neighborhood and remain in communication with concerned residents.

He highlighted personnel matters, including the hiring of 3 new officers and department vacancies.

4. Fire Department Update

Chief Allyn provided a brief update on recent activity, including the attic fire on Tumblebrook Lane and an update on the opioid crisis. He distributed a handout comparing data from last month's meeting.

The public radio system project is moving along. The mechanical contractors are almost done with their work. Staff continues to work with Verizon on the Stanley Golf Course and waiting on Eversource.

The department is collecting data requested by Fitch & Associates for the efficiency study. Staff is currently waiting on information from AMR.

The department participated in a long term care, tornado training and drill workshop hosted by Region 3.

Chief Allyn briefed the committee on personnel matters, including the retirement of administrative assistant, Monique George. 5 candidates have completed training and will be attending the academy in Hartford. There is still a large number of vacancies in the department.

5. Adjournment

The next Public Safety committee is scheduled for Thursday, November 1, 2018. Councilor Davidoff adjourned the meeting at 8:30 AM.